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VALUATION OF JOSEPHINE PROPERTY

County Assessor Files Summary of Real and Personal Holdings of Taxpayers Totalling \$8,615,030

A summary of the assessment roll of Josephine county just completed by Assessor Pollock shows the assessed valuation of all property in the county, personal and real, with the exception of the operating railroads and other public utilities, which are assessed by the state tax commission, to be \$8,615,030. This total will be materially increased when the values placed on the railroads, including the Southern Pacific and the coast line, and the telephone and telegraph lines are included. Included in the assessor's figures is the value placed upon the Oregon & California railroad grant lands, 189,178 acres, valued at \$1,651,689.

The assessor found 21,824 acres of farm lands under cultivation, upon which a valuation of \$1,233,995 was placed, an average of \$56.50 per acre. The 445,158 acres of wooded lands, but not yet under cultivation, have a value of \$4,139,320, according to the assessor. The value of improvements on wooded lands was placed at \$559,800. Town lots are valued at \$956,875, the improvements thereon being figured at \$938,370. Real estate not yet deeded is also charged with improvements of \$131,765.

Hydraulic pipe, engines and mining machinery are valued at \$189,265; merchandise and stock-in-trade, \$210,275; farming implements, wagons and automobiles, \$90,590; office and hotel furniture, \$24,880. The assessor could find only \$6,775 in cash in the pockets of the people to put upon the assessment roll, though notes and accounts were assessed at \$21,995, and shares of stock at \$119,650.

The 133 dogs in the county are valued by their owners at \$865. The number of horses and mules is 1,700, of a combined value of \$86,835. Other live stock is listed as follows: Cattle, 4,849 head, valued at \$109,940; sheep, 592 head, value \$1,315; goats, 1,001 head, value \$2,005; swine, 1,693 head, value \$8,665.

NO DAMAGE DONE ARROW ROCK DAM BY EARTHQUAKE

Boise, Oct. 4.—There was great rejoicing today when it was found that the earthquake Saturday night had not damaged the Arrow Rock dam. The dam was built at a cost of \$5,500,000 and is to be dedicated today.

Reports from all parts of southern Idaho say there were severe shocks, but no serious damage as a result of the tremor. The walls of one building at Yale were cracked.

Baker, Oct. 4.—Reports from all parts of eastern Oregon today were to the effect that although the earthquake shock Saturday night was generally felt the damage was only nominal. In Baker clocks were stopped, chimneys cracked, dishes and merchandise shifted on shelves, and in some instances plaster on walls and ceilings jarred loose.

W. E. Carlson went to Klamath Falls today, expecting to secure employment.

PORTER CHARLTON TO FACE TRIAL FOR MURDER OF WIFE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Como, Italy, Oct. 4.—On the eve of his trial for killing his wife, the former Mary Scott Castle, of San Jose and San Francisco, Porter Charlton today is under the doctor's care. The sudden withdrawal of Chief Defense Counsel Cattapano shocked the youthful slayer. In place of Cattapano, Micelli Picardi, of Camorra trial fame, has been engaged.

The courtroom was put in readiness today for the trial and several extra benches were drawn in facing the cage where Charlton will sit under guard. Legal experts give him two out of three chances for acquittal on the grounds of insanity. The trial, it is expected, will last five days.

The defense is expected to maintain that when Charlton, 29 years the junior of the handsome divorcee, battered her to death with a mallet and then hurled her body into Lake Como near their isolated bungalow he was crazed with jealousy.

BOOZE IS ON TRIAL IN MINNEAPOLIS TODAY

Minneapolis, Oct. 4.—Wets and dries lined up today in a sharp contest which will determine continuance of the saloon in its last great stronghold in Minnesota. The election opened quietly. Dries had offered a reward of \$200 for arrest and conviction of anyone involved in ballot frauds.

6000 EMPLOYEES OF GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY STRIKE

Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Electrical workers, joining machinists on strike today, joining the total employees out in the big General Electric plant here up to 6,000. This is about half of the entire force.

Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Two thousand workers in the machine shops of the mammoth General Electric works here went on strike today. The strikers included organized and unorganized machinists.

The strikers sought an eight-hour day, repudiating the acceptance of a 52½-hour week compromise by the grievance committee of the Metal Trades' alliance.

BODY OF MURDERED PROSPECTOR IS FOUND

East Auburn, Cal., Oct. 4.—With a bullet hole in his breast and a box of cartridges in his pocket—but with no gun at hand—William Brown, a mining prospector, was found dead near his lonely cabin in the Applegate district early today. He had been dead about 36 hours.

Officers at once started to scour the countryside for a trace of the man who, it is thought, shot Brown with his own gun and then made off with it.

What may be a clue came to light during the forenoon when authorities learned that Brown some time ago had quarreled with a wood chopper named Jess Brown and had threatened to kill the latter. Jess Brown has not been located.

WOMAN BOUND AND GAGGED BY ROBBERS

Portland, Oct. 4.—Robbers bound and gagged Mrs. N. M. White, sixty years old, in her home last night and ransacked the house, securing about \$25. The robbery was not discovered until today when Mrs. Julia Pincus, daughter of Mrs. White, tried her door and found it locked.

The door was forced and Mrs. White released, suffering from shock but otherwise uninjured.

TO ASK HALF BILLION FOR DEFENSE

Administration Plans to Ask Great Sum of Congress and Manufacture Munitions of War on a Gigantic Scale

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Oct. 4.—Government manufacture of armor and ammunition on a scale exceeding anything in American history will follow the half billion defense program which the administration expects congress to enact in the coming session, it was learned today.

Leaders have assured the president that this big program will pass, provided the heavy profits of armor plate and powder "trusts" are stopped and the business instead is turned into the government's hands.

The president and Secretaries Garrison and Daniels have agreed on government manufacture, because in this manner the United States need not turn over its secrets of construction to private firms. Furthermore, the fact that American munitions mills are running overtime to keep pace with European demands also determined them as to the advisability of having government control.

The question of financing the naval program was discussed today at a White House conference between President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Chairman Padgett of the house naval committee.

"Battle cruisers and fast ships able to command the waters are needed," said Daniels after the meeting, at the same time denying that he favored a great number of submarines at the expense of the dreadnaught program.

"On the contrary," he said, "I favor a balanced fleet."

The new naval advisory board will meet the president Wednesday, at his request. At this time it is expected he will ask their views as to the program to be followed at the next session.

STOCK MARKET PRESENTS PITFALL FOR PUBLIC SAYS MR. UNTERMYER

New York, Oct. 4.—Dire warning of consequences of speculating in the present speculation mad market was sounded today by Samuel Untermyer, financial expert.

Writing to Rev. C. F. Resner, in reply to a request for information, Untermyer declared that "never before in the history of the stock exchange has the public been threatened with so dangerous a pitfall as that which is now wide open for victims."

"It is worse than hopeless," he continued, "for the average man to try to win a fortune in the market. In the end they all lose. The present activity is a feverish wave of wild and senseless speculation that has seized the public and is spreading like wildfire from ocean to ocean, for which the public, as usual, will pay dearly in the end."

"This latest experience will not be in vain, although the cost be heavy, if it arouses public sentiment to the point of compelling government regulation to convert the exchange into a great, legitimate, responsible security market, which is its high and honorable function."

Sounding a warning against speculation, and in favor of only sound investment, Untermyer's letter continued:

"As an investor and lawyer who for upwards of 35 years has been

KNOCK OUT FOR TRADING STAMP LAW

Court Holds That Measure Enacted by Last Legislature to Curb Stamp Business Is Unconstitutional

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Portland, Oct. 4.—The Oregon anti-trading stamp law passed by the last legislature was declared unconstitutional in a decision handed down today by Federal Judge Wolverton, acting for Judges Gilbert, Bean and himself, who heard the case.

The law, held invalid, levied a tax of five per cent on the gross sales of stores using trading stamps.

RECOVER BODY OF MAN DROWNED IN COLUMBIA

Astoria, Oct. 4.—The body of Antonio S. Lufstrom, third officer of the United States dredger Chinook, drowned in the Columbia river September 18, was being held here today for relatives. The body was recovered Sunday.

Lufstrom came here from San Francisco six weeks ago. He left a widow and children in Seattle.

NO MORE TROOPS TO BE SENT AGAINST STRIKERS

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 4.—Governor Hunt said today that no more troops would be sent to Clifton, Ariz., where 8,000 men are striking, demanding better working conditions, unless they are urgently requested by the adjutant-general.

Forty-eight state militiamen already have been sent to the strike zone in response to an appeal from Sheriff Cass. They will not arrive until this afternoon.

The workers also demand recognition for the Western Federation of Miners. Mine owners have left the scene of the trouble and are said to be en route to Los Angeles.

FRENCH ADVANCE NORTH OF ARRAS IS CONTINUED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, Oct. 4.—The French continue their progress north of Arras, today's communique announced.

While the statement did not claim important success in the Champagne, it asserted that German attacks there had been repulsed.

"We have made further progress in the Givenchy woods west of Vimy, and have occupied cross roads on Hill 119," said the communique. "The battle from trench to trench around Quenneviers and Nouvron continued yesterday and last night. Near the Vavarin farm in the Champagne there was heavy bombardment on both sides. Attacks against our newly-won positions north of Mesnil were repulsed."

"The French air fleet threw 40 bombs on the Sablons railway station at Metz."

ROBBERS BLOW UP PEORIA SAFE

Albany, Ore., Oct. 4.—Two robbers blew open the safe in the general merchandise store of Lamar Brothers at Peoria early today and escaped after exchanging revolver shots with R. B. Lebo, who was aroused by the nitro-glycerine explosion. Nothing was secured from the safe, but \$12 was taken from the till.

VON BERNSTORFF'S NOTE SATISFACTORY BUT NOT COMPLETE

Washington, Oct. 4.—That Ambassador von Bernstorff's note given Secretary Lansing in New York Saturday is "satisfactory as far as it goes," but necessitates further negotiations over the German-American submarine warfare controversy, was learned today. Secretary Lansing will ask Bernstorff to come here soon to consider the matter in detail.

The note was described as merely not specific enough, though it is believed that it admitted the submarine commander erred in his belief that the liner Arabic was about to ram him. The note amounts practically to a disavowal, however. It will not be made public before next week.

BOOTH TO DO HONORS AT THE OREGON BUILDING

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—O. M. Clark, Oregon commissioner to the exposition, and Mrs. Clark were given a farewell luncheon today by Mrs. Charles A. Gray, hostess of the Oregon building. Mr. and Mrs. Clark leave tonight for Portland.

The Clarks will be followed by Commissioner and Mrs. R. A. Booth, of Eugene, who will remain at the Oregon building during the coming month.

Used rumors and half truths from unknown quarters, and have been unloaded in reams upon an unfortunate public.

"Ours is the only country in which there is no public supervision over the stock exchange, although we are in more need of it than all the others combined. This would not stop speculation. No law can accomplish that. And it is doubtful whether it should be attempted by law if it were possible. But we would have honest speculation. Under regulation we would know from month to month, and almost from day to day, when it is necessary for public protection, what is the real basis for published rumors on which prices are boosted."

"It would be a mistake to abolish the exchange. This would retard legitimate business and financial enterprises. We should strive to add to its usefulness as a public market. That can be accomplished only through government supervision."

SLAVS WAR ON BULGARS TOMORROW

Ultimatum From Russia to the Balkan State Has Expired and No Answer Had Been Received Late Today

London, Oct. 4.—Russia is expected to make war on Bulgaria tomorrow, thus plunging into the world struggle the thirteenth nation. Her ultimatum to the little Balkan state, which has been feverishly preparing for war, expired at 9 o'clock New York time today.

That Bulgaria will either ignore the Russian demand to send away Teuton officers directing her mobilization and openly break with Russia, or will answer with an evasion is the belief here. The Russian ambassador at Sofia, with his staff, is prepared to leave the country tonight, turning over his interests to representatives of a neutral country.

Greece's entry on the allies' side will follow such a move, although it may be delayed a few days, inasmuch as Greek mobilization is not complete.

Roumania's position is doubtful. Berlin claims that she stands neutral, but Bucharest messages have not confirmed this claim.

Hostilities throughout the Balkans seem a certainty during the week. Fifty thousand Bulgarians are massed on the Serbian frontier, ready for the first blow. Athens dispatches said three-fifths of the Bulgarian strength would be thrown against Serbia and the remainder against Greece. Meanwhile Czar Ferdinand is confident that Roumania will maintain her neutrality.

An Athens dispatch from Vienna declared the Austro-Germans will attack Serbia today or tomorrow and that Bulgaria will assist within a few hours afterward.

London, Oct. 4.—At the hour when Russia's warlike ultimatum to Bulgaria expired today, Czar Ferdinand's intentions were unknown here. It was believed possible, however, that the Slav demands had gone unanswered and that the Russian minister and his staff had departed from Sofia, as ordered to do if Bulgaria did not break off with Russia's enemies and order out German military officers. Petrograd, though, had said earlier that she would accept nothing but this complete back-down, with a pledge to sever relations with the central empires.

Russia still hopes war may be averted, even following such a step as the minister's withdrawal. This hope is based upon the possibility that the Bulgarian cabinet may change its policy when it realizes that if she acts otherwise the allies mean war.

If hostilities result, however, the Slavs may strike first, though the Bulgarians are within a few hours' march of the Serbian border and prepared for any outcome.

The Russian fleet was reported to be near Varna, an important Black sea port, apparently ready for a blow.

BROTHER SLAYS BROTHER AT OREGON CITY SUNDAY

Oregon City, Oct. 4.—Trouble over money matters is said today to have caused the feud which resulted in Sam Case, 40 years old, shooting and killing his brother Ernest Sunday. The men, each accompanied by friends, met on a country road. According to Sam Case, his brother attacked and attempted to choke him, when he drew a revolver and fired twice. Case surrendered to the sheriff. Ernest Case was a few years younger than Sam.